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Priestship of the Badarinath Vishnu Temple.

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Ramanagar Fort
Benares
September, 7th, 1896

My dear Sir,

Your Excellency is, I hope, fully aware that there is a very famous temple of Vishnu in the Himalayan regions named Sri Badrinath temple. Here the chief priest is a Brahmin of Namburi class. These Namburis have originally come from Malabar and the popular saying is that they were imported there by Swami Shankarácharya. In

This chief priest is called Rawal and is an old, emaciated and infirm ~~[illegible]~~ As he is, wholly unable to perform the duties of his post ~~and consequently~~ the affairs of the temple have fallen into disorder and the worship culpably neglected. The temple is under the protection of the North western Province's Government, and our Lieutenant Governor has to make arrangements for the Rawalship (chief priestship)

The popular saying is that no one but a Brahmin of the Namburi class can be appointed to the post, where as no Namburi is available at the place.

The government now wishes to appoint

a Brahmen from amongst those who may be found in the East of the country whether he be a Namburi or not. But before doing so they wanted to know the opinion of learned Brahmins and influential Hindus at Benares, Mittra and other sacred places. The Pandits (learned Brahmins) have expressed their opinion in a written form and come to the conclusion that it is not at all necessary that the priest of a temple should be a particular class of Brahmins. But the Bádri Nath public assert vehemently that Swami Shankeracharya in making the management of the temple had laid down the rule that no Brahmin but a Namburi should worship there.

The Government have asked His Highness the Maharaja of Benares to assist

them in coming to a final conclusion.

As the chief seat (Gaddi) of Sri Swami Shankaracharyaji is Sringeri Math (which is situate in the dominion of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore) Our Maharaja thinks that His Holiness the Jagadguru Swami Shankarachary (the present Swami, I mean) is the chief authority to solve this problem. I am therefore desired by H.H. The Maharaja to ask your Excellency to kindly assist him in this matter and try to obtain the wishes of the Jagadguru in this question. The point which is required to be decided is whether the Swami Shankarachary has laid down any rule regarding the worship of the Badri Nath Temple or not. And if he has laid down any rule then

breach of the rains is telling very seriously on the cultivation and the health of the people.

I am
Your Excellency's
Very truly
Vindheshwary Prasad
Captain Aide-de-Camp
& Private Secretary to
H.H. the Maharajah of
Benares

P.S.
Your Maharajah desires me to say that the thanks of the whole Hindu community will be your due if you solve this problem.

a Brahmin other than the Rambhari may worship there or not. In case there is no distinct order of the Swami on the subject, the opinion of Sri Jagadguru (the present representative of Sri Swami Shankara Charya ji at Sringeri Math) will be thought conclusive. And any opinion which His Holiness will deign to pass on the subject will be binding. The point to which the attention of His Holiness should be drawn is whether

a Brahmin of good birth, & good moral character, and sound learning may be appointed to the priesthood in spite of his being a non-hamburi or it is essential that a hamburi should be appointed at any cost and irrespective of his qualifications. — This question once settled by His Holiness the Jagadguru, will be settled once for all. The Mahooraji hopes that in the interest of the Hindoo public you will give the matter your best consideration and favour us with the views of H.H. the Jagadguru at an earlier date —

The worship of the temple is falling into serious neglect & the sooner this question is settled the better.

Our Mahooraji believes that you will excuse him for the trouble and hopes that this will find you in the enjoyment of good health.

The climate of this part of the country is very hot and a long

Class. DP | INDIAN TELEGRAPH. | Monthly Local No. [illegible]

To Mysore | From Trichinopoly

Station | Station

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instruction
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To (Person) Dewan of Mysore | From (Person) [illegible]

1 Your telegram No. [illegible] cannot be
2 yet come forward
3 here for ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
4 place headquarters
5 present. Resident replied
6 to ~~[illegible]~~ accordingly —
7 further enquiries
8 being made.
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13 MYSORE 17-10-96
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Date | Postmaster

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for your kindness & ask you again to
kindly order your officer to assist me
in seeing the Gold mines & the Geographical
belt, but owing to an urgent telegram
from the Resident Mysore I am obliged to
come to Mysore at once from Madras
& could not come to Bangalore. I hope
Your will excuse me this. — I have to
write for many things in connection with
my tour which I will do subsequently.

I have to give you a special trouble
& hope you will excuse me for this:
I did not get an answer to the letter
which I took from our Maharajah to
the address of Her Highness the Maharani
Devi. I hope you will order the
Palace controller to have the
answer sent home to the Raja

20/12/96

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Simon No

Benares. I remain
The fort
1st. Dec. 1896

My dear Sir,

I am glad to inform
you that I reached home safe from
my tour in Southern India and Ceylon
and beg to thank you most sincerely
for the great help which was given me
by you & Justice Ram Chandra Iyer which
facilitated much my journey. I had a
mind to visit Bangalore on my way
home and thank you all personally

I might be able to answer it to your satisfaction.

Further I beg to remind your Excellency that I had left the Bundi Hill Temple file with you which you said you will send me at Dhirandhara but I do not remember receiving the file yet.

Please send me the file here with your opinion on the holding. The file & the opinion are urgently needed.

I am sorry I was unable to get a single Kambari Brahman to accept the post of the Pujari of the Temple.

With the greatest respect

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

Vindhesharay Prasad

Capt. Aid-de-Camp

To the Maharajah of Benares

N.B. Any other letter which he will your Excellency addressed please order your peon to send to me.

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Class P | INDIAN TELEGRAPH. | Monthly Local No. 505

To Station: Bangalore Central Post | From Station: Benares City

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instruction.
83	21	12	50	Rs one rupee

To (Person): The Asstt secretary to H. E. Sir Sheshadri Iyer K.C.S.I. Prime Minister of Mysore

From (Person): Aide-de-camp to H.H. Maharaja of Benares

Please send me immediately badrinath temple file ~~with~~ which I left with his excellency also send the opinions of His excellency

Recd. from L. N. Sent to L. N.

At Hrs. Mts. By At Hrs. Mts. By

Date Postmaster.

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Class.	INDIAN TELEGRAPH.	Monthly Local No.

To

Station

From

Station

Words.	Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instruction.

To (Person)

From (Person)

about Numburi brahmin
employment with the view
of his holiness forgetting our
no Numburi writing to go
I tried my best in vain
worship of god suffering

BANGALORE
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96

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At Hrs.	Mts. By	At Hrs.	Mts. By

Date

Postmaster.

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Ordinary "	... 1 Rupee	... 2 Annas.
Urgent "	... 2 Rupees	... 4 Annas.

A group of 5, or less figures, is reckoned as one word.

No charge for delivery within a distance of 5 Miles.

Rpd
WD

Sending today file, opinions and reply to Maharaja —

MM.
28/12/96

Order

To Benares
Capt. Vindhesvari Prasad Singh
A.D.C. to H.H. maharaja
of Benares.

From St Thomas Mount
Thursday to Eleven Sunday

"Compile file and reply & maharaja sent
only today + opinions will follow" —
MM.

1/1/97

Bangalore
28th December 1876.

My dear friend,

You will no doubt excuse my writing to you on a subject on which I feel strongly and which concerns the credit of your State. The highest honor of Travancore is having produced the great Sankaracharya and I believe it is the first duty of your State to cherish his blessed memory. There is no holier place in India than

Bhadri, the great Aarama of Nara & Narayana. Its sanctity was an article of the devoutest faith on the part of the Rishis of the past Yugas. It is the very cradle of all that is noble and spiritual in our literature. Its fame was widely known long before Benares and other modern holy places were even heard of. It was at this holy place that the great Sankaracharya (made Tapas and) attained self knowledge. It was there he recovered the

lost Narayana image by diving into the river for it and duly established the image in a temple dedicated to the eternal Narayana and arranged for the worship by a Namburi Brahmin. The arrangement has been continued up to the present day — through the many centuries which have passed away since Sankaracharya's days — and yet strange to say (the patriotic Hindu Maharaja of Travancore is) we are unable in the present day — with all our boasted civilization and facilities of communication —

to find a Namburi Brah-
-min to take up the priest
-ship of the Bhadri temple.
Can this be possible if
His Highness knows that
he is the envied possessor of
the unique honor of being
the Ruler of the country
which gave birth to Sri
Sankaracharya -

We know from
history how the Christian
monarches of Europe shed
their life blood to save
Jerusalem and its holy
memories from the mosleme-
The materialism of the
present day is a greater
enemy to our religion than
ever Islam was to

Christianity. The apathy born of such materialism is ruining all that is high and noble in our institutions. I feel sure that it has only to be brought to His Highness' notice that Bhadri wants a Namburi Brahmin to continue the institution founded by Sankaracharya for one to be forthcoming at once.

(Cannot your large State afford to pay something if need be to induce a Namburi to take up the office.) Is it not possible to arrange that the officiator may go from

Travancore for a term and then be succeeded by another Namburi Brahmin for another term and so on under a system of terms? If your State can do this, it will earn the everlasting gratitude of India and will have the satisfaction of having done its duty to the memory of Sankaracharya whose greatness though dim and forgotten in the country of his birth is beginning now to dawn upon the most advanced nations of the earth.

I should be personally

Very grieved to hear that owing to want of earnestness and appreciation on the part of your State a Namburi Brahmin is not now appointed in forgetfulness of what the great Namburi Guru of India had himself ordained and established and I know many will grieve with me.

I have scribbled all this in a great hurry in the few minutes left me to catch the train, for, I am leaving tonight for Madras for a short change —

With kindest regards
Ever yours most sincerely,
Sd/ K. Sheshadri Iyer

Sankara Subayer akrsal
Dewan of Travancore.

Dear

The Priestship of the
Badrinath Temple -

—

His Holiness Sri
Sankara Charya of
Sringeri was consult-
-ed in the above
matter by desire of
His Highness the
Maharaja of Benares
and His Holiness is
of opinion that
there is no obligation,
arising from any
Sastrik or Agamaik
ordinance, which
requires that the
Priest of this temple

should be always a Namburi Brahmin. His Holiness thinks any Brahmin if qualified is eligible for the priestship.

The original of the Guru's opinion cannot now be forwarded as all offices are closed for the Christmas Holidays, but will be sent in a fortnight.

Bangalore
28th December
1876.

K. Krishnaji Rao
Private Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

The Priestship of the Bad-
-rinath Temple.

—

His Holiness Sri
~~I have at the~~
Sankaracharya of Sringeri
~~instance of His High-~~
was consulted in the
-~~ness the Maharaja~~
above matter by desire of
~~of Benares, consulted~~
His Highness the Maharaja
~~His Holiness Sankara~~
of Benares and
-~~charya of Sringeri~~.

His Holiness is of
opinion that there
is no obligation,
arising from any
Sastrik or Aya-
-mik ordinance,
which requires that

the Priest of this temple should be always a Namburi Brahmin. His Holiness thinks any Brahmin if qualified, is eligible for the priestship.

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Bangalore
28th Dec 95

K.K.

मैसर्स पी.के. मार्केटिंग
प्रोपराइटर श्री [redacted]
मेसर्स ए. एस. एंटरप्राइजेज
एवं एस. एस. एंटरप्राइजेज
के प्रोपराइटर श्री [redacted]
मुकदमा दायर किया है
जो कि दिनांक 2-1-17
को प्रस्तुत किया गया
है।

[redacted]
अधिवक्ता
[redacted]

C.M.

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Serial No 3

My dear Grandfather

X Keep these in D.Ho

+ ~~Send~~ the rest

+ Remove

I herewith return the Madras letters — The two copies of Sreemukham which you wanted have been made (one in Devanagari & the other in Canarese) and sent herewith

No 83/IV-111A of 1897

Secretary
File No
Serial No

From

Chief Secretary to Govt. N.W. Provinces & Oudh

To

Kunwar Aditya Narain Singh of Benares
Allahabad Dated 13th February 1897

Political Deptt.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of your letter dated 28th January last, and of the papers which accompanied it, in connection with the appointment of a Rawal for the temple at Badrinath.

2. It appears to the Lieutenant-Governor that sufficient evidence has been produced to show that it is not essential that the Rawal should be a Namburi Brahman, and His Honor has, therefore, accepted the nomination by your father, His Highness the Maha-

-raja

Raja of Benares, of Pandit Mahadeva Misra for the office of Naik-Raval. In these circumstances it is perhaps unnecessary to take further measures, in communication with the Mysore and Cochin authorities, to secure a Namburi Brahman.

3. The Legal Remembrancer to Government will now be instructed to take the necessary steps to file a suit in the Civil Court under Section 539 of the Civil Procedure Code for settling a scheme for the management of the temple.

4. The opinions of the Benares Pandits regarding the right of the priests to the offerings made to the Gods, promised in the last paragraph of your letter, are awaited.

I have &c.

Sd/- P. Harrison
Under Secretary
For Chief Secy to the Gov.

But the Nonlemen
Brahmans are not now needed
for the Badri Nath Temple
So please drop the matter
now

Yours
Very truly

Vindhyeshwary Prasad
Capt. A. D. C. to
H. H. the Maharaja of
Benares

Please have
this matter
dropped
with
Capt. Vindhyeshwary
Prasad
C.
Be
Re For
251

G.M.
20-25
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My dear Sir,

I beg to ac
herewith the copy of a
received from the Ca
Secretary to the H. W. D.
to the address of H.
Kumar Sahib Bah
From this you will

Same

Maharajah's Excellency in the hope that he will kindly take the trouble to forward the same to His Holiness with the proper way. I have accordingly received the letter & obliged

Yours sincerely

Vandhasharma Bhoosh

Capt. A. D. C. to
H. H. the Maharajah
Q Nagar

Letter authenticated & despatch Pandit has been forwarded

FORT RAMNAGAR
RAJ BENARES
Serial No. 28/5/37

Benares the 18th

Sent to the Mareor sey for being sent to Sringeri
28/5/37

My dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a letter in Sanskrit signed by H. H. the Maharajah of Benares intended for His Holiness the Jagadguru of Sringeri Math in answer to the letter sent by him to our Maharajah above the priest ship of Sri Bodhinath temple. As we do not know how to address the letter I beg to

~~The Trustorship of the Badari Nath temple~~

Sri Sankaracharya of

2) The opinion of ~~the~~ His Holiness ~~of the Sri~~ ~~the~~ the Sringeri Mutt is given in the Enclosure Srimukha – marked A. – ~~The opinion of Comm. mostly deals with the question mainly excluding from the point of the Sastric Rules not from that of what would be acceptable to the Hindu population throughout India.~~

What would be acceptable

3). I have been ~~in Communication with~~ urging the States of Travancore & Cochin to interest themselves in the matter. The former which alone has the needful information on the subject is making enquiries & has not yet replied. The latter ~~who~~ wants information which I hey may be sent – Cochin is in touch with the ~~Nambu~~ most influential Namboori families & is both able & willing to help and I wd. strongly recommend that ~~upon the question~~ no decision be arrived at until the States has had an ~~no~~ opportunity of enquiring & replying ~~...~~ I

immediately please see appendix C for the information asked for

Enclose extracts from my Corr. with both Travancore & Cochin (marked B & C)

The opinion [illegible] quotation
from the [illegible]
[illegible] of
[illegible] Counsel [illegible]
[illegible] Sanks charge. ~~The~~
~~other [illegible] [illegible]~~
~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ [illegible]

a [illegible]
at [illegible] ([illegible]).
~~which~~ [illegible] is
[illegible]
that [illegible] is [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] A~~ [illegible]
[illegible] different [illegible] At
[illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible]
[illegible]

ಶ್ರೀ ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಅರಸರ ಕೇಳ್ವಿಯಿಂದ ಸಂತೋಷ

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿಜಾಪುರ ಸ್ಥಳಂಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಂದ ಸಂಗತಿಯ ಸಂಕ್ಷೇಪ

ಭಾರತಿ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು ಹೇಳಿದಾ—

ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾಪ್ರಭುಗಳವರು ಬಿಜಾಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿರಸಾಂಗಿಯ ಮಠಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ಸಮಾಧಿಯ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪಕ್ಕೆ ಕುಳಿತ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂತೋಷ ಸಂಗತಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಕಲ ಸಂಪದಾಂತ್ರಯುಕ್ತರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದವರು ಶ್ರೀ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರ ಸಮೀಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿರ್ದರು ಆಗ ಶ್ರೀ ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರು ಸಂತೋಷ ಸಂಗತಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದವರ ಕುಶಲ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ ಸಂತೋಷಪಟ್ಟರು ಆಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದವರು ಸ್ವಾಮಿಗಳವರ ಸಮೀಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿರ್ದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರಾದ ಉಮ್ಮಾಂಡ್ಯಾದ ಬಾರಿಕಿಲಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರಾ

ಯಾತ್ರಿಂಕರ ಪ್ರತಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ನಾಸಿಯುಂಡಿಲುಂಗಿ ——

ಆದಿಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಂಗ್ಲಾಂದ ಶ್ರೀಲುಲ್ಲಂ ಕರಂಗಳ ಗಳ್ಳಾಂಬಾಚಾರ್ಯಲು ಕಂಬಾಂಬಾ
ಕ್ಕಿಂದಾಂ ಅಂಗಿಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧಾಂದ ಚಾಂಗಾಂದಿಂಬುಳುಂಗಳ್ಳ ಲಾಂಕರಿಲುಂಗಿಲ್ಲೆಯುಂದಾಂ
ಪಿಂಬಾಂಬಾಂ ಕರಂಗಳಿಲಂ ಕರಂಗಳಿದು ಸಾಂದಿಗಳ್ಳಾಂಗಿ ಲಾಂ ಕರಂಗಿ-ಕಲುಂಗಿ ಪ್ರಾಚಾರಂದಾಂ
ಲಾಂ ಕರಂಗಳ್ಳಾಂಗಿಲುಂ ಪ್ರಿಲಂಗಿಲ್ಲೆಯುಂದಾಂ ಇಂಗಿದಿಕ್ಕಿ ಗಳ್ಳಿಲು ಶ್ರಂಗಿಲ್ಲಾಂಗಿಕ್ಕಿ
ಕ್ರಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸಾಂಗಳ್ಳಿಂಗಿ ಲಿಸ್ಸಾಂಗಿ ಅಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಕ್ರಿಂದಾಂ ಎಂಬಾ ಪಿಂದಲಾಂದದೆಲ್ಲ ಕಂಗಳ
ಕಿಸ್ಸಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕಿ. ಕಾಂಗ್ಲಿಂಗಿ ಪ್ರಂದಾಂ ಲ್ಲಿಸುಂದಿಲುಂಗ್ಳ ಪ್ರಕ್ಷಿಂಗಿ ಅಲುಂಲು
ಸು ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸ್ಪಿಂಗಿಲ್ಲಿಂಗಿ ಕಲುದೆಲ್ಲ ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸೂಂಬಾಂಗಿ ನಾಸಿಲು ಅಲುಂಲುದೆಲ್ಲ
ಕದಲ್ಲ ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿಂಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂಗಿ ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸೂಂಬಾಂಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಇಂಗಿಕ್ಕಿದು —
ಲಿಲುಂಗಿ ಕದಕಿಂಗಿ ಅಂಗಿ ಶಿಲ್ಲಿಂಗಿ ಕಂಗಳ ನಾದಲು ಸೂಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಲುಗ್ಳಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂದಲಾದ
ಕ್ರಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸಾಂಗಿಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಂಗಿ ಅಂದಿಂದಿಗ್ಗಿ ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಅಲುಂಲುಂಗ್ಳಿ
ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿಂಗಿ ಲಿಸ್ಸಿಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕಂಗಳಿಲುಂದಾಂ ಅಲುಂಲುಂಗ್ಳಿ
ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಿ ಸೂಂಬಿಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ
ಉಲ್ಲಿ ಕಂಗಳುಂದಂದಿ ಕಿಲಿಂಲುಂಗ್ಳಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ ಕ್ರಿಂಗಿ
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श्रीमत्परमहंसपरिव्राजकाचार्यवर्यपदवाक्यप्रमाणपारावार
परीणयमनियमासन प्राणायामप्रत्याहार ध्यानधारणसमा
ध्यष्टांगयोगानुष्ठाननिष्ठ तपश्चक्रवर्तनाधवच्छिन्न गुरुपरं
परापाप्त षड्दर्शनस्थापनाचार्य व्याख्यान सिंहासनाधी
श्वर सकलनिगमागम सारहृदयसांख्यत्रयप्रतिपादक वैदिक
मार्गप्रवर्तक सर्वतंत्रस्वतंत्रादिराजधानी विद्यानगर महाराज
धानीकर्नाटक सिंहासनप्रतिष्ठापनाचार्य श्रीमद्राजाधिराजगु
रुमंडलाचार्य [illegible] ष्यशृंगपुरवराधीश्वर तुंगभद्रातीरवासि श्रीम
द्विद्याशंकर पादपद्माराधक श्रीमान् नृसिंह भारतीस्वामिगुरु
करकमलसंजात श्रीजगद्गुरु शृंगेरि श्रीसच्चिदानंदशिवाभिन
व नृसिंह भारतीस्वामिभिः ॥

श्रीमत्समस्त सद्गुणाभरण भूषित सकलधर्मपरिपालनैकधुरीणखंडितसाम्राज्य
लक्ष्मीनिवासाधिष्ठानसैपनिदान श्रीमद्वाराणस्याख्य नगराधिप प्रभुवरविषये
श्रीनारायणस्मरणपूर्वक विरचिता शिवस्तमुल्लसन्नुत्तरां आसेतुहिमाचलप्रसि
ध्यात्रभवत्श्रीमच्छंकर भगवत्पादपूज्यपीठ विषयिणी भक्तिरनवधिक श्रेयोनिदा
नमिति सार्वजनीनमतश्रीप्रतं ॥ ॥ आर्यजनप्रचुरे अस्मिन्महति भारते खंडे
सुप्रसिध्यस्य श्रीमच्छंकर भगवत्पादाचार्यप्रतिष्ठापितस्य बदरिकावनवासिनोना
रायणस्य वरिवसनमेतदवधिके नानेहसानैर्बूर्यन्वयजनिभिर्द्विजन्मभिरा
स्थ्यायांचक्रे अस्तिचप्रकृते पिगतवयास्तजातीया एवार्चकस्सचपरमशक्तपरि
चरणे भगवतो इत्यर्चकान्तर व्यवस्थापनस्यावश्यकरणीयत्वसति पुनरपिनैर्बूर्य
न्वयवानेव नियोक्तव्य आहोस्विदन्यनियोगोपिसुज्ञ इति जिज्ञासमानेनपुं
जाबदेशपतिना ( ) अनुयुक्तो भवान्नास्माकीन माशय
मेव जिगमिषुर्लेखमलिखदिति मत्रिसुरू महाराजा माश्रेन विज्ञाप्यामहे अव
गतमेवैतदखिलस्यापि जगतः यदादौ तत्रभवंत श्रीशंकरभगवत्पादाचार्याः कलि
माहात्म्योपबृंहितचार्वाकादिदुर्मत निराचिकीर्षयाभुवनमलंकृत्य दुर्वादिनो निराकृत्य

सच्छास्त्रप्रपंचनेन लोकानुध्रर्तुमनसाच तत्रापि दिक्षु शृंगेर्यादिषु मठान्नि
र्मापितेषुच श्रीशारदाप्रभृतिदेवताः प्रतिष्ठाप्य स्वकानंतेवसतश्चतुरोपि प्र
त्येकमेकशास्त्रं तन्मठे प्रतिष्ठापितदेवतासमाराधनाय तत्तद्देशीय लोकानामद्वै
तमतावबोधने नोधुरजायच न्ययोजयंनिति श्रुतेस्तत्रशंकरविजयमठाम्ना
यादिषु बहुशः प्रपंचितं॥ तत्प्रतिष्ठापित तच्छिष्य प्रवरा अपिशिष्यप्रशिष्यपरंपरया
तत्तन्मठीयदेवतास्समाराधयमाना शुद्धाद्वैतमतप्रपंचनानिष्णाता तामगमन्
एवंच कतिपयेकाले कलेरतिदुष्टतया श्रीबदरीवनप्रतिष्ठापित मठीय शि
ष्यपरंपरासमुदसीदत् तदासंन्निहितनंबूर्यभिजन श्रीमतो नारायणस्यार्च
कता मयादयंच स्वलब्धमर्चनाधिकार मन्यान प्रापय्य स्वसजातीयानेव स्वपदे
स्थापितवानिति श्रुतमेवहेतुं तज्जातीयानामर्चनाधिकार प्रापक मुन्नयामः नपुनर्भवा
वत्यादेरेतज्जातीयाः कदाचिदप्यर्चनाधिकार मापिताः। प्रसुत मठाम्नायादि
कस्तदभावएवासीत्यतः इतिएवपूजकत्वेनावस्थाप्या इयंनियमोऽनादर्वन
एव तथाच प्रकृते पंचद्राविडेषु पंचगौडेषुवा अन्यतमस्सद्ब्राह्मणो विशेष
तस्श्रीमच्छंकराचार्यप्रतिष्ठापितशुद्धाद्वैतमतानुयायी सात्विकाहारवान् द्विज
न्मा भगवत्सपर्यायां अनंतरायायपूजकत्वेन निर्देष्टव्य इत्येवास्माकमभिमततमं
श्रीभगवत्पादप्रतिष्ठापितत्तत्पीठशिष्यपरंपरासादादेव दूनमनसोऽस्मान्सुप्रसि
द्धस्यास्य भगवतोवरिवस्यालोपापत्ति श्रवणमतीवविषादयति तमां अस्मिन्नर्थे
स्वयमागतभगवतो वरिवस्यादिकं यथावन्निर्णीय तन्मठे पुनश्शिष्यपरंप
रामपि प्रतिष्ठापयितुमीहामहे अथापि देशास्यास्यातिदवीयस्तया कार्यांतर
व्यासक्तेऽस्मदागमनस्य प्रकृतेऽनवकाशइति प्रभुवरेण्य एव अभिमाने
न श्रीबदरीनारायणस्यस्वकीयां पूजामस्मदागमनावधि निश्चयतामार
चयाप्यतोधिकं कालाज्ञापरंपरायाः यशस्सुकृतस्यच भाजनंभूत्वा भगवत्स
पर्या निरंतरायतामादनावेदनेनामंदानंद दुन्दिलितस्वान्तानस्मानतनोत्वनति
चिरंजीति स्वतः प्रशाप्रकर्षवतिप्रभुवरेण्ये अत्रमतिशयितेन ——— ———
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The worship in this temple was re-established by the great religious teacher Sri Sankaracharya who lived about the 8th century A.D. - He was a Native of the Kerala country (which includes the present British District of Malabar and the Native States of Travancore and Cochin) and he belonged to a Namburi Brahmin family of a place called Kalati, on the

frontier between the two Native States of Travancore and Co-chin. The priestship of Bhadrinath has since Sri Sankara-charya's time been continuously held by a Brahmin of the Nambudri class. If this has been impossible during the past 1000 years, it should be easy now, with our improved facilities for travel, to find a Nambudri Brahmin for the Priestship. If the emoluments and con-ditions of the office are duly published in the places mentioned here and, if need

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Travancore and Cochin to interest themselves in the matter - The former which already has the needful information on the subject is making enquiries and has not yet replied - The latter wants information, which I by may be sent - Cochin is in touch with the most influential Nambudri families and is both able and willing to help and I would strongly recommend that no decision should be arrived at until this State has had an opportunity of enquiring and replying. I enclose extracts from my correspondence

Please see Appendix C for the information asked for -

with both Travancore
and Cochin (marked
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